

in the 1st Marine Division all the way across the Pacific. My mamma's brothers all went to the war. My dad's brother went to the war. My mamma actually flew an airplane during the war because her eldest brother, Roy, had gotten killed.

I tell you all that to tell you this: our Pentagon is a bloated disaster. I prefer to call them the war pimps because that is exactly what they are. Every year we pass a bigger and more bloated budget for the Pentagon. This year, I believe it was \$30 billion more than the year prior to the last budget—I believe that is correct—more than even President Joe Biden had asked us to put in.

Yet, when folks like myself question it, people question our patriotism.

Mr. Speaker, I am not offended by much up here, but that is the cherry on top. We should stop focusing so much on passing a bill that will be totally fine in the Senate. As we said during the debt ceiling debate, we should put our stake down. Now we don't want to put our stake down. We want to send a bill over there, at one time, that would just cut the rate of growth, which is Washington speak for not cutting anything.

We are not Senate Democrats; we can't pass a budget that looks like theirs. The art of compromise should be in there.

When I was in the State legislature in Tennessee, I was the House sponsor of a bill to raise the speed limit. I asked for 85, knowing that I would get 70. Oddly enough, my Senate colleague was STEVE COHEN, who is now my colleague here in the United States Congress. We compromised, but we knew what we needed.

Mr. Speaker, truth be known, I brought Peyton Manning to the floor of the House the week before. I probably could have gotten 100 miles an hour and maybe even gotten Communism, I am not sure, or I might have been anointed as king at that point because Peyton was, and still is, that popular. That was a different time.

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We have got to make some serious changes now or we are going to lose our dadgum country.

I always remember my daddy, who was a World War II veteran. We were at our house in West Knoxville, 8220 Bennington Drive—I no longer live there. We were in the dining room, I remember, one of the few times it was cleaned out. We always cleaned it out for Thanksgiving and Christmas, but most of the time it was for storage.

We were in there, and we had this little color TV that was over there. We were watching the election results that were coming in that night, and they were not going very well.

I remember my daddy said the blessing. It was just me and him, and we had a Mr. Gatti's pizza, or, as I like to say, we were having a traditional Italian meal. Don't send me any letters, I realize that is not very traditional.

Anyway, daddy said the prayer, he said the blessing. Really all he said was: Lord, please do not let us lose our country.

I guess that is what drives me now because, dadgummit, I am afraid we are going to lose our country. Continuing down this road of reckless spending is going to be the quickest way to get us there. We need to stop spending the American people's hard-earned money like we are a kid in a candy store.

One of the areas where we could be doing some cuts, in my opinion, I think we should close down our Department of Education. Now, I have a degree in education. My mama was a schoolteacher for her whole life. My sister has a degree in education. My daddy was a dean at the University of Tennessee.

I didn't mean defund education, but if we would just send that money to the States and stop Washington, D.C., from taking its cut off the top, I think we could go a long ways.

There is not one bureaucrat in Washington, D.C., in the Department of Education who ever taught a little kid how to read at Sarah Moore Greene Elementary School in Knoxville, Tennessee, and I daresay there never will be. However, they are going to be taking their cut off the top, just like the mob does, and that needs to stop.

We need to allow the States the responsibility that they deserve, to be responsible stewards of our money, and send it to them and let them decide. What works in Washington, D.C., sure as heck doesn't work in Claiborne County in east Tennessee.

We have got to stop spending the American people's hard-earned money like we are a kid in a candy store with a credit card with no limit because that limit is coming due.

We do not need a continuing resolution. We don't need to play any more games. We just need clean bills with real cuts to get our country back on track.

Mr. Speaker, I thank you for your time, and I appreciate the folks in the audience's indulgence. I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to refrain from referencing occupants in the gallery.

#### RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 3 o'clock and 32 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

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#### AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mrs. BICE) at 7 o'clock and 55 minutes p.m.

#### HOURLY OF MEETING ON TOMORROW

Mrs. HOUCHIN. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 10 a.m. tomorrow.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Indiana?

There was no objection.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. HOUCHIN. Madam Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 7 o'clock and 55 minutes p.m.), under its previous order and pursuant to House Resolution 742, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Saturday, September 30, 2023, at 10 a.m. as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late Honorable DIANNE GOLDMAN BERMAN FEINSTEIN.

Thereupon, (at 7 o'clock and 55 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Saturday, September 30, 2023, at 10 a.m. as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late Honorable DIANNE GOLDMAN BERMAN FEINSTEIN.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. RESCHENTHALER: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 741. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5525) making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2024, and for other purposes (Rept. 118-230). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. SMITH of Missouri: Committee on Ways and Means. H.R. 4822. A bill to improve price transparency with respect to certain health care services, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 118-231, Pt. 1). Ordered to be printed.

Mr. JORDAN: Committee on the Judiciary. H.R. 1505. A bill to modify the prohibition on recognition by United States courts of certain rights relating to certain marks, trade names, or commercial names; with an amendment (Rept. 118-232). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. JORDAN: Committee on the Judiciary. H.R. 3578. A bill to make technical amendments to update statutory references to provisions reclassified to title 34, United States Code, and to correct related technical errors (Rept. 118-233). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. JORDAN: Committee on the Judiciary. H.R. 3506. A bill to make technical amendments to update statutory references to certain provisions classified to title 7, title 20, and title 43, United States Code, and to correct related technical errors (Rept. 118-234). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. JORDAN: Committee on the Judiciary. H.R. 3496. A bill to make technical amendments to update statutory references to certain provisions which were formerly classified to chapters 14 and 19 of title 25, United States Code, and to correct related technical errors (Rept. 118-235). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. JORDAN: Committee on the Judiciary. H.R. 3571. A bill to make technical amendments to update statutory references to certain provisions classified to title 2, United

States Code, title 50, United States Code, and title 52, United States Code, and to correct related technical errors (Rept. 118-236). Referred to the House Calendar.

## PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mrs. RAMIREZ (for herself, Ms. TLAIB, Ms. PRESSLEY, Mr. GOMEZ, Mr. CASAR, Mr. BOWMAN, Ms. CROCKETT, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Ms. LEE of California, Ms. NORTON, and Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ):

H.R. 5827. A bill to promote the establishment of resident organizations and provide additional amounts for tenant organizations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. GARBARINO:

H.R. 5828. A bill to reauthorize the National Flood Insurance Program; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. BARR (for himself, Ms. KUSTER, Ms. TOKUDA, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Ms. WILD, Mr. MOYLAN, Mr. ROGERS of Alabama, Mr. PAPPAS, Mr. BUCSHON, Mr. MEUSER, Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky, Mr. SMITH of Nebraska, Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina, and Mr. MANN):

H.R. 5829. A bill to amend title II of the Public Health Service Act to provide clarity with respect to coverage of claims against health care practitioners providing health professional volunteer services at community health centers during declared emergencies; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. BURCHETT:

H.R. 5830. A bill to prohibit commercial DNA testing services from disclosing the genetic information of United States nationals to foreign entities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. COLE (for himself, Ms. MCCOLLUM, and Mr. BRECHEEN):

H.R. 5831. A bill to provide for the equitable settlement of certain Indian land disputes regarding land in Illinois, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. CONNOLLY:

H.R. 5832. A bill to authorize Inspectors General to continue operations during a lapse in appropriations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

By Mr. CONNOLLY (for himself, Mr. GRIJALVA, Ms. TITUS, Mr. CASTRO of Texas, Ms. LEE of California, Mr. MCGOVERN, Ms. NORTON, Mr. SHERMAN, Ms. WILD, Mr. COHEN, and Mr. SCHIFF):

H.R. 5833. A bill to protect Saudi dissidents in the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on Intelligence (Permanent Select), and the Budget, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Ms. DELAURO (for herself, Mr. ISSA, and Ms. CROCKETT):

H.R. 5834. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize Johanna's Law, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. EDWARDS:

H.R. 5835. A bill to amend title 40, United States Code, to increase the mileage of the Appalachian Development Highway System to provide for improvements to and expansion of Corridor K in North Carolina, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. GALLAGHER (for himself, Mr. ALFORD, and Mr. GREEN of Tennessee):

H.R. 5836. A bill to prohibit immediate family members of executive branch officials from using their family's influence to benefit in foreign business dealings, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. GARBARINO (for himself and Mr. VICENTE GONZALEZ of Texas):

H.R. 5837. A bill to provide additional requirements for the purchase and sale of conventional mortgages by the enterprises, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. TONY GONZALES of Texas (for himself and Mr. CISCOMANI):

H.R. 5838. A bill to improve immigration adjudicatory capacity, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mrs. GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN (for herself, Ms. PLASKETT, Mr. GIMENEZ, Mr. SOTO, Mr. GUEST, Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina, Ms. SALAZAR, Mr. VICENTE GONZALEZ of Texas, Mr. WALTZ, Mr. SWALWELL, Mr. MAST, and Mr. JAMES):

H.R. 5839. A bill to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to assess technology needs along the maritime border and develop a strategy to address such needs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security.

By Mr. GRAVES of Louisiana (for himself, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Ms. TITUS, Mr. GREEN of Tennessee, Mr. CARBAJAL, and Mr. GUEST):

H.R. 5840. A bill to require the Transportation Security Administration to streamline the enrollment processes for individuals applying for a Transportation Security Administration security threat assessment for certain programs, including the Transportation Worker Identification Credential and Hazardous Materials Endorsement Threat Assessment programs of the Administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security.

By Mr. GREEN of Tennessee (for himself, Mr. MCCAUL, Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana, Mr. GIMENEZ, Mr. STRONG, Ms. LEE of Florida, Mr. EZELL, Mr. BRECHEEN, Ms. DE LA CRUZ, Mr. CISCOMANI, and Mr. GUEST):

H.R. 5841. A bill making continuing appropriations for the salary and expenses of certain excepted employees of U.S. Customs and Border Protection and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. GREEN of Tennessee (for himself, Mr. MCCAUL, Mr. GIMENEZ, Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana, Mr. EZELL, Mr. BRECHEEN, Ms. DE LA CRUZ, Mr. GUEST, and Mr. WALTZ):

H.R. 5842. A bill to amend title 14, United States Code, to make appropriations for Coast Guard pay in the event an appropriations Act expires before the enactment of a new appropriations Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana (for himself and Ms. LETLOW):

H.R. 5843. A bill to temporarily extend the National Flood Insurance Program; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. KELLY of Mississippi (for himself and Mr. KILMER):

H.R. 5844. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to decrease the distance away from home required for a member of a reserve component of the Armed Forces to be eligible for the above-the-line deduction for travel expenses; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. KUSTOFF:

H.R. 5845. A bill to amend the Federal Deposit Insurance Act to address transaction account guarantees, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. LARSEN of Washington (for himself, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Mr. BERA, Ms. NORTON, Ms. ROSS, Mr. CARBAJAL, and Mr. TORRES of New York):

H.R. 5846. A bill to protect against seasonal and pandemic influenza, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Financial Services, and the Budget, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. LATURNER (for himself, Ms. TITUS, Ms. SALAZAR, Mr. CASTRO of Texas, Mrs. RADEWAGEN, and Mr. MCGOVERN):

H.R. 5847. A bill to establish the International Children with Disabilities Protection Program within the Department of State, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. LUETKEMEYER (for himself, Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas, Mr. MEUSER, Ms. VAN DUYN, Mr. BEAN of Florida, Mr. LALOTA, and Mr. ALFORD):

H.R. 5848. A bill to prohibit the Administrator of the Small Business Administration from directly making loans under the 7(a) loan program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business.

By Mr. LUETKEMEYER (for himself, Mr. COSTA, Mrs. KIM of California, Mr. VAN DREW, Mr. KEAN of New Jersey, Mr. BACON, Mr. CISCOMANI, Mr. MOORE of Alabama, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mrs. CAMMACK, and Mrs. HINSON):

H.R. 5849. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow refunds of Federal motor fuel excise taxes on fuels used in mobile mammography vehicles; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. MANN (for himself and Mr. MOOLENAAR):

H.R. 5850. A bill to nullify modifications made by the Food and Drug Administration on January 3, 2023, to the risk evaluation and mitigation strategy under section 505-1 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 355-1) for mifepristone, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Ms. MENG (for herself, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. PHILLIPS, Mr. LAWLER, Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE, and Ms. SALAZAR):

H.R. 5851. A bill to require the USAID Youth Coordinator, in their role as defined by the USAID Youth Policy, to coordinate cross-sectoral international development efforts related to youth, inclusive of youth, peace, and security, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. NORCROSS (for himself and Mr. HORSFORD):